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SENATOR GREGG AND CONGRESSMAN BASS ANNOUNCE \$750,000 FOR NASHUA SENIOR CENTER MOVING THROUGH SENATE

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) and Congressman Charles Bass (R-NH) today announced that the Fiscal Year 2004 Senate appropriations measure that funds the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and was approved yesterday by the Senate Appropriations Committee, includes \$750,000 for the renovation and expansion of the Nashua Senior Center. Senator Gregg and Congressman Bass recently joined Nashua Mayor Bernie Streeter, Executive Director of the Nashua Senior Center Pat Francis and President of the Center's Board of Directors Suzanne Keller at the Center to discuss its importance to the community. Following the expansion, the Center will include among other facilities: a library and resource room; computer and learning center; fitness center; and medical resource room.

Senator Gregg, who was able to include the funding in the Senate funding measure through his position on the Senate Appropriations Committee, stated, "The members at the Senior Center have done a tremendous job raising funds for the proposed renovations. It clearly demonstrates just how important the Center is in the lives of so many people in the greater Nashua community. A new and improved center will provide expanded opportunities to the Center's members and greatly improve the quality of life in the City. I look forward to continuing to work with Congressman Bass, as well as the Board of Directors here at the Center and Mayor Streeter and the City of Nashua to see this project through to a successful completion."

Congressman Bass stated, "The Nashua Senior Activity Center and its dedicated staff have helped the city's older residents remain active, healthy, and involved in the community. With their success and growing membership, the facility has become overcrowded and no longer meets the needs of Nashua seniors. I am pleased to work with Senator Gregg to secure federal funds to support local efforts to expand and renovate the facility and applaud everyone who has devoted time and energy to this worthwhile project."

Nashua Mayor Bernie Streeter stated, "I am very pleased to hear the announcement from Senator Gregg and Congressman Bass. The \$750,000 for the our Senior Activities Center will help our seniors, not only today but for future generations. Senator Gregg and Congressman Bass have secured funding for an extremely valuable project that we have been working on in the City."